

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the helpful comments made during the phone conversation on 4/23/03 with Applicants' representative, Stephen T. Hunnius.

Claims 18-27 remain in this application. Claim 18 has been amended. Claim 28 has been canceled.

At the Examiner's suggestion, Claim 18 has been amended to include the size range of the solid particle precursor, to expressly state that the reaction includes the alkoxide precursor and the dopant precursor and the solid particle precursor, and to expressly state that a phosphor is formed. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. In particular, support for the size limitation can be found on page 4, line 11 and on page 10, lines 17-19. In particular, support for the reaction can be found on page 5, line 5 through page 6, line 20 and page 8, line 5 through page 8, line 15 and page 12, lines 14-15.

Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment puts the application in condition for allowance. The prior art patent Haluska begins with a phosphor whereas the current invention begins with a solid precursor and forms a phosphor. Additionally, the particle sizes cited in the Haluska patent refer to particle sizes of phosphors whereas the particle sizes of the current invention refer to the solid particle precursor.

If a personal or telephone interview would help expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Steve Hunnius at 202-404-1558.

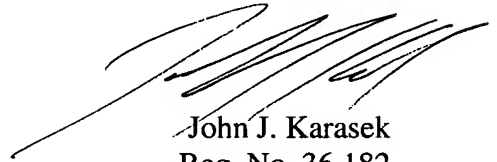
No issue of new matter or lack of adequate written description should arise as a result of the entry of the above amendment.

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Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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